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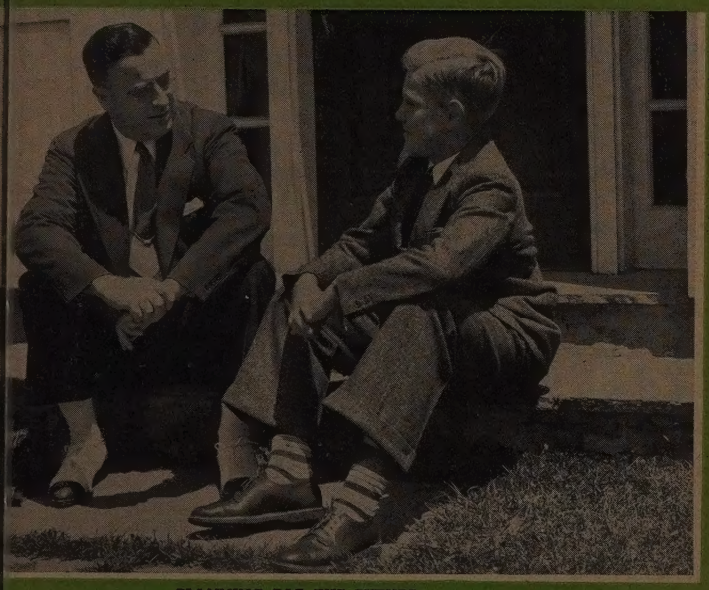

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MEN FOR THE MINISTRY

by DAVID H. BREMER

BODY HAS a greater concern for uality of the church's ministry he man who sits in the pew. As s his pastor go about his duties aching the Word of God, admin- ng the sacraments and conduct- orship, ministering to the sick, orting the bereaved, counseling people about their personal and problems, organizing the of the congregation, guiding the and religious education pro- —he is deeply aware how much the health of the church is dependent upon the calibre of its ministry.

Laymen today expect more of their pastor than they did a generation ago. The tremendous demands placed upon the minister of today require men of unusual capacity and ability. The church as a whole must seek to utilize every available resource to enlist its finest young men for the task of the Gospel ministry. Unless the ministry is placed in competent hands the whole program of the church ultimately suffers.

AT THE present time in the United

Rev. David H. Bremer, Ph.D., is ecretary for the Board of Education,

FUTURE ULCA PASTORS

rt of the group of Lutheran seminary and pre-theological students who attended the vention of the church in October, 1950, as guests of the Board of Education.

Lutheran Church many congregations are without pastors. In spite of the fact that the seminaries of the church have a greatly increased enrollment of students, the number of men graduating each year is barely enough to replace those who die or retire.

The mission boards of the church are urgently calling for more pastors to start new congregations in unchurched areas and to serve overseas where millions have never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Welfare institutions of the church, hospitals, prisons, as well as the armed forces have an increased demand for chaplains.

Even if we succeed in meeting the present urgent need, a vigorous and growing church, with an alive sense of its mission in the world, will always have a place for the *right kind* of men in the ministry.

The work of the ministry calls for men who have an abounding interest in people and a compassion to help them; men with a keen earnestness of mind and spirit, capable of coming to grips with the most basic problems of life; men of more than average intellectual ability; men who possess a quality of leadership; men with a deep understanding and awareness of the things of the spirit, who will preach the Gospel with meaning and relevancy. But most of all, the ministry calls for men who themselves are deeply committed to Christ, and who firmly believe that the Christian faith provides the only really adequate interpretation of human existence. To find such men for the task of the ministry is a matter that should concern all of us—laymen and cle alike.

What is the church doing to ins an adequate supply of able and c secrated men for the ministry?

Although the primary responsil ty for recruitment for the ministr assigned to the Board of Educat the work is carried on in coopera with other boards and agencies the synods of the church. Many ferent means and channels are u to present to young men the challe and claims of the ministry.

Through Christian Career Co ences held annually at many U colleges, Christian Service Instit at summer schools and camps, Lu League rallies and vocational ferences of all kinds, the youth o church are helped to understan of the work of the ministry and o opportunities for full-time servic the church. Literature on the mini prepared by the Board of Educa has been given wide distribu Filmstrips and other visual aid another method being used to pre the ministry.

Last February 9-11, the first series of week-end conferences o ministry was held at Gettysburg S nary. Sixty carefully selected co men, representing 23 schools, invited to the conference as gues the Board of Education. They nominated by college pastors chaplains as men of ability and p ise who were still uncertain a their life work.

Through addresses and info discussion meetings led by outs

STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THE MINISTRY

The minister of today must have better than average education. This means a college degree plus three years in a theological seminary. Here is a typical classroom scene at one of our ULCA seminaries.

g pastors and church leaders these udents were given a deep insight to the work of the ministry. No at- mpt was made to "pressure" men, ıt rather to give them the oportuni- to think through their vocational oice in the light of the church's ed and mission.

At the close of the conference many pressed the feeling that they had en the work of the Christian minis- r as never before. A typical com- ent on the impression of the con- rence came from one student who rote upon returning home: "Aside om the fact that I got a much clear- picture of what the ministry is and does, I also came to realize, more than ever before, that I am called by God to a life of Christian service in whatever vocation I ultimately choose."

During the past year, the executive secretary of the Brotherhood sent the Board of Education the names of 387 Lutheran Boy Scouts who were applicants for the *Pro Deo et Patria* award. A letter, and literature on the ministry, was mailed to each of these boys with the request that as they think about their future work they consider prayerfully the opportunities for service in the church, particularly the ministry. Many of these boys are

now in the board's file of prospective candidates for the ministry and other church vocations.

Today, almost every synod has a Committee on Ministerial Education, or some other committee with responsibility to recruit men for the ministry, examine and approve candidates, give counsel and guidance to interested young men, and pass on applications for synodical loans and scholarships. Both laymen and clergy serve on these committees, seeking to raise the standards in the ministry and challenge the finest youth with the claims of this high calling.

One synod holds a number of dinner meetings each year to which pastors bring promising boys who possess those qualities needed in the ministry. It has proved to be a most successful method of starting young men to give serious thought to the ministry as a life work.

In March, pastors in the Eastern Conference of the New York Synod brought together a fine group of selected high school boys for a dinner meeting in Albany. They were told about the work of the ministry and its challenge to young men. A similar meeting was held in Buffalo for boys from that area. For next fall, pastors in North Philadelphia have planned a two-day Conference on Ministry at Paradise Falls to discuss the ministry with a group of promising young men from churches in that area. Throughout the entire church there is a growing awareness of the need for a sound program of recruitment and guidance to insure a strong and competent leadership for the work o the church.

LAYMEN, AS well as clergy, can d much to help recruit outstandin young men for the work of the mi istry. Wherever men serve as teacher scoutmasters or committee men, spor sors for youth groups, or in any wa work with young people, they ca exert a Christian influence in th shaping of vocational plans. Any la man, alert to his opportunities, wi discover many ways in which he ca help young people to make a wis vocational choice in keeping with th gifts and talents that God has give and to find an answer to the preple ing question, "What shall I do wi my life?"

This does not mean that every bo should be encouraged to enter th ministry. An indiscriminate urging young men to go into the ministry, any other life work, can only resu in misdirected lives. God has muc work to be done in many places an by all kinds of people.

Christian men are needed in la medicine, business, engineering, po tics and in all areas of human servic We have a sacred responsibility help all youth find their rightf place in the work of the world and discover God's plan for their lives.

But we should also be concern that every boy who possesses the pe sonal qualities of heart and mi which will fit him for the ministry brought to a thoughtful and prayerf consideration of this great task.

"ll Always Be Grateful to Chey"

WILLIAM F. ZIMMERMAN

EVERAL YEARS ago leaders among clergy and laity began to express cretely their views on our Luther- Church and higher education. As men, we had taken our colleges l seminaries for granted, wishing m well, but giving them inadequate ancial support. In the meantime, se institutions supported by taxes ur taxes—gained rapidly. New ldings were provided annually l money was spent freely to pro- e other essential facilities.

All of us realize that the church not provide a program of educa- n for every citizen. Happily in our untry there had developed over the rs two programs of higher educa- n with enrollments almost equal in mber. Because our church institu- ns were receiving inadequate sup- rt, the tax-supported schools were ginning to enroll a majority of the dents. Unless this trend is correct- the day will come when most of r young people will graduate from se institutions which give little or emphasis to Christian education. Even educators in the tax-supported institutions view with alarm the probable prospect of educating a majority of our youth in institutions where God is forgotten or ignored.

When the delegates of the United Lutheran Church met in Cleveland in 1946, they affirmed an idea which has since become the rallying point for CHEY:

"The national welfare demands educational institutions, independent of the State and dominated by a spiritual purpose.

"All Lutheran colleges and seminaries should be superior, with faculties of high standing, facilities adequate for effective work and curricula sufficient to advance the whole program of the whole church."

What our delegates had approved at the Cleveland Convention was reaffirmed when the church met in convention at Philadelphia, 1948. A year ago under the leadership of Dr. Rees Edgar Tulloss the congregations of the United Lutheran Church participated in a special appeal for six million dollars, which had been authorized by the 1948 convention of our church and approved by every synod of our United Lutheran Church. There

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Dr. William F. Zimmerman is president Thiel College, Greenville, Pa.

were the "doubting Thomases", but fortunately for the kingdom of God the "men of faith" expressed their faith in faithfulness.

WHAT HAS happened? The recent issue of the CHEY news tells the thrilling story of achievement on the part of the membership of the United Lutheran Church. Briefly, in striving for a goal of six million dollars our churchmen have pledged slightly over seven million dollars. It is gratifying to note that one-fourth of the congregations pledged one-half of the six-million-dollar goal. One cannot ignore the teaching of Jesus, "To whom much has been given, of him much will be required."

Best of all is the news that two-thirds of the six-million-dollar goal has been paid in full. Not included in this six million dollars are assured large gifts totaling four hundred thousand dollars, which await the transfer of securities.

Almost one-half of the congregations of the United Lutheran Church have reached or exceeded their goals. Our national directing committee is cooperating with synodical directors to reach those congregations which have not participated in this mighty effort in behalf of our seminaries and colleges. It would be a tragedy for any congregation to divorce itself from this appeal. In congregation after congregation, laymen are saying that this appeal has helped our congregations as much as it will help the colleges and seminaries of our Church.

WHAT WILL the colleges and semi naries do with this money? On ever campus there is a lack in buildings hence most of the money will be use for dormitories, classrooms, and li braries. It was the privilege of th writer to visit Lenoir Rhyne College where the North Carolina Synod ask ed its college to build a men's dormi tory on faith. Last September th young men moved into an invitin residence hall. The members of th North Carolina Synod did not sto with a 100 per cent goal but hav assured responses for 370 per cent.

Whenever and wherever God is in vited to direct the thinking and plan ning of men, unprecedented blessing flow into countless lives.

This CHEY appeal has demon strated that the members of the Unite Lutheran Church are *good starter* Every church body in the Unite States has its eyes upon the Unite Lutheran Church. The faith of mi lions of Christian people living i the United States, Canada, and els where will be strengthened by ou faithfulness in paying and surpassin the goal of six million dollars.

Our church leaders refer to our co leges and seminaries as "the mo precious possessions of our church The time is now when all of us la men must make that idea live in ou hearts and express it in our dai lives. When that happens, we can u derstand the meaning of "I'll alwa be grateful for CHEY," which w said by E. M. Clark Jr., director the successful CHEY appeal, Fir Lutheran Church, Washington, Pa.

n Memoriam Memberships

P. G. BEER

Have you done anything to perpetue the memory of those who have ndly served you? A parent, a teach-, a leader or a friend whose great inence lives on in your life? You ay erect a tombstone or a monuent to their glory. You may express our affection with flowers. All this very fine. But would it not be more cellent to remember them with a ving memorial?

Such living memorials are now ing given through the ULCA Brothhood. The funds from these memals are being used in the evangelisc work of the church. These funds e invested in winning men and woen for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The picture of the person memoriized will be published with the dates f their death, their age and the peron and group through whom they e memorialized, in the August issue f *Lutheran Men*. The pictures of onorary Life Members are *not* pubshed.

For a satisfactory reproduction a lear photograph with a glossy finish ould be submitted. Cuts can never e used. It is impossible to return hotographs. One copy of the August sue of *Lutheran Men* will be sent to the donor for each person memorialized in the issue.

All pictures and data shall be sent directly to ULCA Brotherhood Headquarters, 9 West Market Street, Bethlehem, Pa., not later than June 1 in order to appear in the August issue of that year.

The names of all persons memorialized will be placed on the Honor Roll in the office of Brotherhood Headquarters in Bethlehem. It will remain on record as a living testimony of their interest in Brotherhood activity and as a tribute to them. This Honor Roll is distinct from the Honor Roll for those who have been honored with an Honorary Life Membership.

Requests for additional literature or information may be secured from any member of the Honorary Life Membership and In Memoriam Committee of the ULCA Brotherhood:

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Insecure?

Those who call themselves Christians and yet do not wish all others to be Christians are confessing the insecurity of their own faith.

—Kenneth Latourette

Message From Headquarters

by EARL W. BADER

Evangelism Institutes

OUR CEDAR Rapids Convention enthusiastically endorsed the Board of Social Missions program of congregational evangelism as the number one Brotherhood project for this biennium. Although the reclaiming of 420,000 lapsed members will be our immediate and continuing objective, we also expect our members to participate in the year-round evangelism program to be promoted in each congregation of the U.L.C.A.

It is this year-round phase of evangelism that demands our attention at this time. This plan calls for a series of evangelism institutes to be held in each synod during the first nine months of 1951. A member of the Board of Social Missions will serve on the staff of instructors at these institutes, which will include one pastor and one layman for each 10 congregations. It has been suggested that these laymen be selected by the synodical evangelism committee after consultation with the leaders of the Brotherhood, Women's Missionary Society and the Luther League of America.

The next step will be the holding of area evangelism workshops. These workshops will be conducted by those persons who attended the synodical institutes. These area workshops will be followed with similar evangelism workshops in each congregation.

President Wohlsen has requested each synodical Brotherhood president to appoint a specially qualified evangelism director and committee which will be available for selection as representatives to attend their respective synodical institutes. We are gratified at the fine response from our synodical Brotherhood presidents who indicate their intention to help the Brotherhood fulfill its Cedar Rapids pledge of 100 per cent cooperation with the Board of Social Missions.

I am listing below the synodical evangelism institutes that will be held during the remainder of this year.

Synodical Evangelism Institutes

April	3- 4	Ohio (Preaching Mission Workshop)
	5- 6	Illinois — Wartburg
	9-10	Indiana
	12-13	Michigan
	16-17	Ohio
	19-20	Ohio
	23-24	Kentucky-Tennessee
April	30 to	
May	1	New York
May	3- 4	New York
	7- 8	Maryland
	10-11	Virginia
	14-15	Virginia
	17-18	North Carolina

21-22 South Carolina
24-25 Georgia-Alabama
28-29 Florida
e 4- 5 Northwest
7- 8 Northwest
11-12 Western Canada — Icelandic
14-15 Western Canada — Icelandic
18-19 Canada
21-22 Nova Scotia
tember (to be dated later)
West Virginia
Pittsburgh
Central Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Ministerium

ailing On Rough Seas

C. C. STOUGHTON

Sailing is bound to be rough for lleges in the years immediately ead. They are headed for what the d mariner describes as "dirty eather". It will take stout hearts, eady hands at the wheel, a sure nse of direction, poise, and courage see them through. Everybody nows that now.

Some would go even further. The ery survival of colleges, they tell us, at stake. Colleges will die. That ismal prophecy should not be taken eriously.

Colleges will suffer, but they will ot die. It was once said of the Uniersity of Paris long ago: "Each new ifficulty only led to an extension of s usefulness."

And so it will be with most of the olleges of America. New difficulties vill summon forth new strength, new oyalties, new friends, new devotion.

Particularly is this true of the hristian colleges. Behind them, as has been so notably demonstrated in the CHEY appeal, stands the church. The colleges of the United Lutheran Church have new financial resources today because of CHEY; but even more, they have the single-hearted devotion of hundreds of thousands of newly aroused friends. Whatever comes in the immediate future, be it decreased enrollment, waning income, budget deficits, or other difficulties, those friends will stand by with sturdy tenacity.

ULCA colleges will suffer—bitterly, perhaps, but they will not die.

Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton is president of Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio.

—NLC News Photo

KEEP THEM SMILING!

Children like these will be among the needy in many countries who will benefit from the spring clothing appeal of Lutheran World Relief, set for April 8-15. Classes over, these refugee youngsters will return to the crowded barracks they call home. Like everything else in their life, their clothes are shabby and makeshift.

NEWS

Georgia-Alabama Synod

Meeting on Jan. 30 at the Lutheran Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., the Brotherhood of the Georgia-Alabama Synod elected the following officers for this year: President J. H. Oetgen and Vice President Mr. Gruber, both of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga.; Secretary Charles R. Kraus, of Peachtree Road Lutheran Church, Atlanta; Treasurer Hardy Cornwall, of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Plains, Ga. The office of the secretary is at 1015-101 Marietta St., Atlanta 3, Ga.

North Carolina's Aims

The 1951 aims of the North Carolina Brotherhood are:

1. Fifty thousand dollars for the Loan and Gift Fund. That means hard work on the part of every one of the 2,900 members of the Brotherhood.

2. Evangelize. Every Brotherhood should make plans to reactivate the lapsed member, both in the Church and in the Brotherhood, and should also bring in new members.

3. Every Brotherhood member a praying member.

4. Add at least 12 new Brotherhoods to our membership. That is an average of two new Brotherhoods in each district.

5. See that our dues for 1951 are paid before April 1, 1951. That matter of dues should be taken care of at once, so that we in turn can send our dues on to national headquarters, and furnish the national Brotherhood with the necessary sinews of war to carry on their work.

—Ernest L. Misenheimer

Nebraska Notes

Salem Brotherhood, Fremont, Rolland Olsen, president, reported enthusiastic reception to an oyster supper early in February and the organizing of a bowling league with the Hooper and Fontanelle Brotherhoods.

Emmanuel Brotherhood, Hampton, the Rev. Kendig Rupley, pastor, told of a personalized membership campaign and the inauguration of a "Bring A Friend Night" in January.

First Brotherhood, South Sioux City, Arthur Johansen, president, expected to interest men "in promoting the Lord's work here in South Sioux City." The topics in *Lutheran Men* are used part of the time.

Our Redeemer Brotherhood, Omaha, the Rev. Harvey Clark, pastor, had the Weather Man as a guest speaker, and a report of the Cedar Rapids national brotherhood convention by W. F. Kedde. Goal for 1951: "To increase our membership at least 100 per cent."

Emmanuel, Tekamah, T. G. Lipps, president, had Gerald E. Bentz of Midland College, Fremont, show three-dimensional colored slides in January, and the synodical Brotherhood officers demonstrate a "model

herhood meeting" in February. wives are invited to all the ings.

—Paul Wiegman

California Brotherhood

t the 1950 convention of the fornia Synod the following recom- dation was submitted in the "Re- of the Meeting of Laymen": at the Executive Committee use its members to devise ways and ns to give our laity a continuing vation regarding our Church at e and its needs, that we might e intelligently enter into the full- of our responsibilities."

ynod President James P. Beasom ointed a Committee on Brother- d within the Executive Committee, prising the following members: . Charles A. Miley, pastor, First neran Church, Fresno; Franz en, Oakland; Luther Vestergard, th Hollywood. This committee asked to explore the subjects of therhoods and Educational Pro- ns as they pertain to the synod.

fter considerable investigation, committee recommended:

. All methods for disseminating cational and informational data cerning our Church which are sently in use should be continued, s a strong appeal directed to all mbers of our congregations to read efully *The Lutheran* and the *den State Lutheran.*

. The propagation of Brother- ds in churches where none now t and the cultivation and expan- n of those already organized and active would be highly desirable. A dream for some future time would be *a Brotherhood in every church.*

The Committee on Brotherhood also suggested:

1. A series of four meetings to be held during 1951 in *every* church of synod, a complete program to be furnished by the Committee on Brotherhoods, including a topic paper.

2. The first meeting should be held during February. Where there is a Brotherhood in existence, this program can be an adjunct to the regularly scheduled meeting. Where there is no men's organization, a meeting of men may be called by the pastor or secretary of the church council. Should there be any in the congregation that wonder why a meeting of men is being called, may we quote the ULCA Brotherhood:

"In New Testament times the men took the leadership and responsibility in the work of the Church. It is of vital importance to the progress of the Church that this condition be restored. It is a well known fact that very generally the men have stepped into the background. To the Brotherhood has been committed the task by our Church to organize the men and bring them into active service. . ."

3. The topic paper should be written by a layman, and its subject matter should concern some phase of the Church, particularly as it applies to the California Synod. The dates, subjects of topic papers, and writers are:

February, "Evangelism," by Luther

Vestergard, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, North Hollywood; April, "Youth," by Howard Logan, past president, Luther League of America, of First Lutheran Church, Glendale; September, "Stewardship," by Robert Cummings, past president, Southern Conference Brotherhood, of Trinity Church, Pasadena; November, "Missions," by Fritz Bowman, of First Lutheran Church, Glendale.

—Luther Vestergard

100 Per Cent Subscribers

Lutheran Men is being received by every man in Holy Comforter Brotherhood, Washington, D. C., according to a letter received from President R. P. Schall.

Quite an Enrollment!

The *Brotherhood Booster* of Trinity Lutheran, Jackson, Miss., reported the following men enrolled at the January meeting: Frank Armishaw, Walter H. Ahrens, Ray F. Borror, Ernest J. Childers, John Luther Epting, Monroe L. Gerhart, C. G. Howorth, William Karow, D. L. Luckey, George Mori, E. A. Ory Jr., L. P. Roberts, Harry Cleveland Roby, Harry Brent Schaeffer, Oskar Hugo Fritz Schluetter, Robert Lee Sloan, John L. Villerot, William L. Vineyard, Ralph L. Wright, W. R. Wooden, E. Henry Yeagley, William F. Yoder.

Men for Ministry

The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia is far ahead of all other graduate schools in enrollment of 1950 graduates of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., according Alumni Secretary John H. Wagner latest check on the whereabouts a pursuits of last year's class. Twent seven of last June's diploma recip ents are first-year men at Mt. Airy Philadelphia, nearly four times many as any other institution.

Personal Savings Plan

A personal savings plan of cents a day per member was adopt by the members of the Brotherhood Bethany Lutheran Church, We Reading, Pa., to raise $500 in fo months to help pay off a $5,500 hea ing plant recently installed in t church. At the end of the seco month of the operation of the pla approximately half of the $500 h been turned in. All participati members were given banks for th savings, and collectors visit the each month. The Rev. Paul J. Kidd pastor of the congregation, and Ric ard H. Snell is president of t Brotherhood.

Another New Brotherhood

St. John's, Hatboro, Pa., has cently organized a Brotherhood.

New Brotherhood in Iowa

Application for membership in t ULCA Brotherhood was forwarded the Synodical treasurer by the Bro erhood of English Lutheran Chur Oxford Junction, Iowa. This n member of the national Brotherho family has included *Lutheran Men* its program, with a 100 per cent su scription record.

College Items

The nation's colleges and univer-es should review their programs assure development of leaders to é with the present crisis," declared Gould Wickey, executive secre- of the United Lutheran Board of ucation, at the annual meeting of Hartwick College Board of Trus-, held in Albany in February.

"All colleges and universities uld examine their total programs that we can be assured of develop- the leadership necessary for the itary forces, the civilian economy l the national health, safety and fare."

The trustees adopted a resolution it said: "National welfare must e precedence over all other con-erations."

IN AN article in *College and Uni-sity Business*, Dr. Henry J. Arnold, sident of Hartwick College, Oneon-N.Y., stated that the private, inde-ndent college is a symbol of pri-e enterprise and in his opinion, erefore, industry and business uld reinforce such institutions in ery possible way in order to pro-t their own future.

The first Scout to receive the *Pro eo et Patria* award in West Virginia Robert L. Gibbons of First Luther-Church, Parkersburg.

Cox'n Edward O. Melberg Jr. is e first scout in Mt. Zion Lutheran hurch, Pittsburgh, to receive the *Pro eo et Patria* award. Participating in e ceremony were Edward O. Mel-erg Sr., and Mrs. Melberg.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN College Day is April 8. Plans are completed for a national hook-up with the Columbia Broadcasting Company with Dr. Howard Lowry, Wooster College, as speaker. The *Christian Century* will give a complete issue to the place of Christian higher education in the life of the church. Articles will appear in the *Christian Herald*, and the denominational church papers.

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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Dear Brothers:

Just as Christ's apostles went forth in every direction after the first Easter to bring lost souls to Him, so it is the time for each and every one of us to go forth into every street, highway, road or community to lead back to Him those of our brethren who have slipped away from His Church.

Universal priesthood makes us all disciples of Christ. Let us all go forth into His vineyard *NOW* while it is still light; before darkness encompasses us, when no man can work.

Enlist in your envangelism movement, in your own congregation, conference or synod; attend the meetings being held for instruction and then go forth into the field and work for your Master.

This is the brotherhood's promise to our church, Do *YOUR* part *NOW!*

Ralph J. Wolfram

"Committee of 500" meeting of synodical Brotherhood, held at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sacramento, Calif., January 28, 1951. Choir Director Ben Rohrer directs the all-men choir.

ommittee of 500

JOHN E. MILLER

he Committee of 500 thanks God the success of its service which s held Sunday, January 28, at 7:30 M., in St. John's Church, Sacramto, California. Approximately 400 n joined in worship, in song, in yer, and hearing a stirring mese brought to them by Dr. L. Ralph or, pastor of Luther Place Memor- Church, Washington, D. C., ofal representative to the annual vention of the California Synod the U.L.C.A., who gave the men sent a challenge to vital service in church. Dr. Tabor based his adss upon Romans 1:8, "I thank my d through Jesus Christ for you all, t your faith is spoken of through- the whole world."

Zeb Trexler, associate executive rector of the Lutheran Laymen's vement spoke of the layman's oprtunities for service. He stressed wardship of time, talent, and ney, emphasizing tithing. For his t he chose Romans 12:1, "I beh you before, brethren, by the rcies of God, that ye present your dies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptle unto God, which is your reasonle service."

Dr. James P. Beasom Jr., president the California Synod of the L.C.A., welcomed the men officially d gave the benediction. The allale chorus of 25 voices presented two beautiful anthems, ably directed by Peter W. Knoles and accompanied by Burt R. Norlen.

After the service a fellowship hour in the social hall provided refreshments and an opportunity for the men to make new friends and to renew old acquaintances.

Among those present were over 30 men from Southern California, six from Reno, over 25 from Grace Church in Richmond, over 10 from St. Michael's Church in Berkeley. Other San Francisco and East Bay Region churches sent over 30 men.

The gathering became a minor ecumenical movement—not only were there men of the American Lutheran Churches, Augustana Synod, and Evangelical Lutheran Churches, but also Baptists, Presbyterians, Methodists, and Episcopalians.

The steering group of the Committee of 500 wishes to thank the men of the sponsoring churches as well as other laymen who helped to make the evening a real inspiration and success. The real fruits of the evening will become known as more men participate in the activities and stewardship programs of their own churches. It is the fervent prayer of our committee that more men will avail themselves of the opportunities to serve their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

EDUCATION FOR LIVING

by EARL S. RUDISILL

Spotlight On The Family

THE FIRST full week in May is always Christian Family Week. It includes both Sundays. This year the dates are May 6-13. What will you do about it?

Two big things are possible. One is to carry out in the church one or more projects which benefit homes, and to guide families in a week's program which will be helpful to them. The other thing is seriously and carefully to make plans which will be carried out by home and congregation in the fall. Plans should be laid early in order that they may be given appropriate publicity.

Projects for Churches

A five-night class on the family may be conducted, using as a textbook one of the following: *Christian Family Life, Growing Together in the Family,* or *Girding Youth for Abundant Living.* Such a course may well be supplemented by sermons on the family, marriage, parenthood, or Christian education in the home.

Meetings of parents and teachers may be started. Guidance may be received from *Parent-Leader Meetings in the Church School,* a mimeographed manual which may be had upon request from The Parish and Church School Board.

A church night, a demonstration of family worship, a family bookshelf, introduction of the *Parents' Quarterly* or introduction of the Nursery D partment Packet or Nursery Messag would be in order.

A number of these projects may b enriched by use of audio-visual aid The following are appropriate: *A Home With God, Do You Know Yo Adolescent? That We May Wo Together,* and *Are You Ready f Marriage?* They may be rented fro our Publication House.

Families Can Do Something Too

Here are a few things which fam lies can do in their homes—and ou

They can and should participate any plans which their congregatio adopt. They can start family worshi or improve it if it is already a pa of their home life. They can read an discuss books on the Christian famil

An at-home night or the dedic tion of the home would be a desirab enterprise. If the congregation circulating the *Parents' Quarter* families ought to enter heartily in its use. Family groups can also co duct family councils, enlist oth families for Sunday school an church, and they can send Christia literature to persons who are in t service of our country.

The following filmstrips are su able for home use: *Is Your Hom Fun? Democracy Is Home Made,* an *A Family Affair.* They may be rente

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HE BROTHERHOOD IN ACTION

CHARLES F. BROBST

A Local Monthly Magazine

HERE ARE many excellent things ive local Brotherhood monthly gazine can do for its church. Such agazine is a living evangelist for church. Grace Lutheran Church, entown, Pa., Dr. Phares G. Beer, tor, has had such a 12-page gazine for 28 years.

Such a magazine will contain cles on the meetings, plans, grams and achievements of the ference, the synod, the United heran Church, the National Luth- n Council and the Lutheran World lleration. It gives a directory of the arch council, the church officers, auditors, the nominating com- tee and other committees of the ngregation, the auxiliaries and nday-school teachers.

It contains a calendar of events for ry month and personals concern- the activities of the members and ends of the congregation. Funerals, ptisms, marriages and confirma- ns performed by the pastor and the mes of the new members received o the church will be included.

It contains material on evanglism, wardship, worship and special peals. The annual congregational d auxiliary meetings are announced d reviewed. Stewardship and com- nion honor rolls are tabulated. otographs of confirmation classes d leaders in the local and general urch are added. The addresses of people who have moved and of the young people in the armed services of their country are listed. Sometimes communications from members who have moved to distant localities and from missionaries and persons in the armed service of our country are printed. The activities of sons and daughters in the full-time work of the church are published.

It will present the challenge of the church and the need for the Christian life and full time Chistian workers. It requests and gives historical facts and information. Graduates from high school and other institutions from the congregation, the speakers, devotional leaders and hospitality committees of the different auxiliaries are named. Challenging clippings and the activities of the members of the congregation in the church's institution and in the general work of the church are included. It will contain seasonal messages and collects and programs for special occasions, announce and give reports of local community activities.

The magazine must have an editor, who may be the pastor of the church. A business manager, assistant business managers and a circulation manager are needed. They are elected annually by the Brotherhood. A three-year tenure is recommended.

The magazine may be supported

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Boy Scouts

by GEORGE A. EICHLER

SCOUTING IS more important in this push-button day and age than ever before in our history. The day was when there were many chores around the house which a boy could do and so be kept busy. There was wood to chop and water to carry and innumerable other daily tasks to be done to keep family life going. These tasks have almost all disappeared, thanks to the ingenuity of man. Most heating systems are entirely automatic, requiring no attention whatever from any person in the home. The pushing of a few buttons does most of the other work around the house, even power mowers now make one of the last jobs boys could do a very minor matter. A snow plow can easily be attached for winter use. So what can boys do? Many are seldom at home and this generally doesn't lead to anything good.

Here is where scouting fits into the picture with its program of activities which are well suited to boys. Boys can work on scouting requirements in their spare time. If they have a few minutes or a few hours, whether alone or with companions, the scouting program is so flexible that it will fit into any situation. And please bear in mind, scouting is not just busy work. It is so well designed that it will not only bring out the inventiveness of the boy but all scouting activities are valuable in themselves. For instance, first aid, cooking, life saving, public health, to mention only a few. It is extremely valuable for an eleven-year-old boy to work steadily at so well-planned and desirable a program as offered by the Boy Scouts of America. To work with other boys of the same age under the guidance of trained scout leaders goes a long way toward filling the gap left vacant in the lives of boys by the mechanical push-button age.

If your Brotherhood sponsors a troop and you are not now active resolve now if at all possible to become a trained leader in the troop. If your Brotherhood does not sponsor a troop, consider yourself a committee of one to get one under way as soon as possible. There are not many insurmountable obstacles, so for the sake of boys, get busy.

Now is the time to plan your outdoor program for the summer. Scouting in the beginning was almost exclusively an outdoor program. This is still most important. Unless your program contains many outdoor activities, camping, hiking, swimming, etc. you are missing the heart of scouting. Plan now under the guidance of your local council an out-of-doors program for the summer.

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THE EDITOR'S PAGE

Just in Time

"CHEY came just in time," said one man.

How true! Our institutions of higher education, our colleges and seminaries, were urgently in need of special financial support when the CHEY appeal started. But now the situation is more critical than ever. With another total war not beyond the realm of probability, with increasing numbers of young men entering the armed forces, and with others uncertain about their futures, the prospect facing most church colleges today is gloomy.

"Protestant-related colleges . . . are facing their most critical struggle for survival since the Civil War," said *The Christian Century*. The suggestion was made "that every Protestant denomination . . . raise emergency funds to keep colleges open and faculties intact."

We can be thankful that we acted in time. We can be thankful that we had it in our hearts to help our institutions because of our love for them rather than because we were compelled by emergency to do something.

Chey News expresses confidence that our schools can now face the future bravely because of CHEY.

How important it is, therefore, to press on and complete what we set out to do! Let those pastors and congregations that have done little or nothing, or that were late in getting started, get to work *now*.

The need is greater than ever.

The Big "Fix"

The basketball "fix" scandal that recently rocked the New York City area raises these questions: Could this have happened to our church-college basketball players? Would the young men of our schools have accepted gifts of thousands of dollars for fixing the score to suit professional gamblers?

No doubt anything is possible in any college. But there is a difference between what is possible and what is probable. It is expected that a gigantic scandal would be less probable in a church college than in a non-church institution.

When the educational environment is purely secular and materialistic and godless in the sense that it considers God irrelevant, it is easy for young people to accept the prevailing notion that anything is right as long as it suits you, as long as it pays off and you can get away with it.

It is not amazing that many of the fellow students of those who accepted bribes were quite sympathetic with the young men involved in the scandal. They probably would have done the same thing if they had been tempted to fix the score.

The attitude of the sympathizers was that you cannot really be blame

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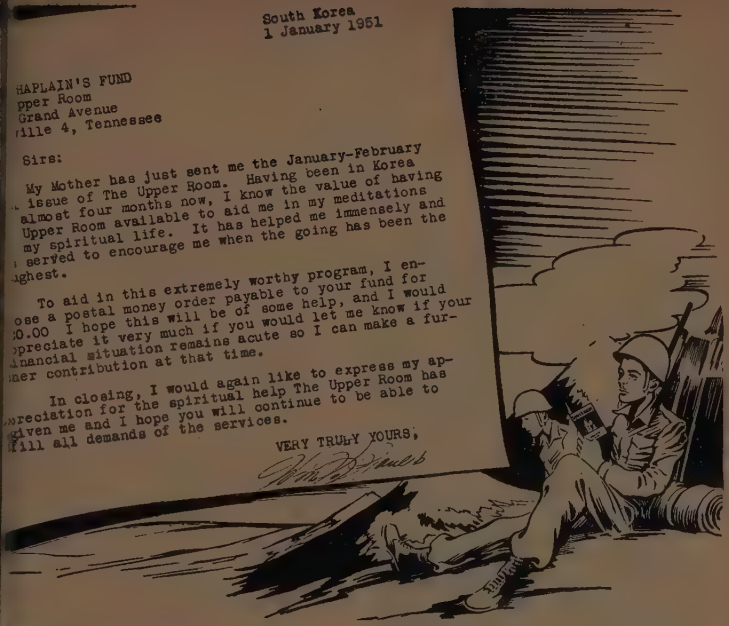
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Promoting Fellowship

by CARL C. SWAIN

Dr. Carl C. Swain has had an illustrious career as an educator. Among the important positions he has held are the following: superintendent of schools, Goodhue County, Minnesota; lecturer in the summer school, University of Minnesota; professor of educational administration, Iowa State Teachers' College; and president of North Dakota State Teachers' College. He is also the author of various books in the field of education. In spite of his many activities Brother Swain always finds time for the work of the church. At present he is serving as national president of the Brotherhood of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and as chairman of the Board of Charities of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Editorial Committee: Arthur H. Getz, chairman, Charles E. Johnson, C. Oscar Leonardson, E. V. Morton, Carl E. Schock.

THE TEN Objectives of the Bro erhood appear under three gene headings: *Evangelize, Educate, ergize.* The fifth objective is the f one under the heading *Energize.* T third group of objectives is inten to provide outlets for the practi expression of the Christian life—o lets for serving love.

What Is Christian Fellowship?

As we think of the topic, "Pro ing Fellowship," we want to think terms of expressing our good w our Christian love, to others. Ch tian fellowship is something far ric and deeper than the champions that we may find in a service club

Aims: 1. To define what is meant by "C tian fellowship."

2. To discover the channels through wh Christian fellowship can be promoted on local, national, and international planes.

3. To take practical steps, individually collectively, to promote such fellowship.

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Prayer, including the Lord's Prayer

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Business

Refreshments and Fellowship

other secular organization. stian fellowship has its roots in relationship to Jesus Christ. Out ratitude to God that he called us fellowship with his Son, Jesus st, we radiate the Christian spirit extend the hand of kindness and tto others. The highest expression our Christian fellowship takes e as we and fellow believers kneel re the altar of God to receive the and blood of our Saviour unto emission of sins and the strength- g of Christian faith and life. But are numerous less significant yet important opportunities to expression to our Christian wship.

Channels for Fellowship

ow hungry people are for friend- , for fellowship! There are more ly souls in your congregation you will ever suspect. They need stian fellowship. When we grasp neighbor's hand in church there uld go out from us a warmth of owship that will make his blood le and cause his heart to rejoice. s Christian fellowship, linking t to heart, should be developed the local level, but it should ead throughout the nation and the ld, and particularly within our household of faith. We should ne to feel ourselves part of a great istian fellowship in our local mmunities, in our nation, and even the uttermost parts of the earth— *thers all*, because we are the sons God and followers of our Lord Saviour Jesus Christ.

The avenues for the expression of Christian fellowship are legion. While they vary, according to the community in which we are living, every community affords ample opportunity for the expresssion of good will and Christian love to fellowmen and particularly to those who are of our own household of faith. All that we can do in this topic is to list a few of the available means of promoting Christian fellowship and then depend upon each local group to add others to the list and put some of them into practical operation.

Local Channels

1. *Brotherhood meetings and activities.*

a. *The regular Brotherhood meetings* provide an outlet for Christian fellowship. It should never be possible for members of the Brotherhood or visitors to leave a Brotherhood meeting without feeling that it was indeed good to have been present —that friendships were made or deepened, that the comradeship had in it something of the spirit of Christ. This does not mean that we must make a parade of our religion, or that we must wear our religion on our sleeve. If we have caught the spirit of Christ we will radiate a warmth of Christian fellowship without consciously striving to do so, and others will be attracted to our meetings and to our Christ.

b. *Visiting other Brotherhood meetings* provides opportunity for Christian fellowship. Many a Brotherhood would find new life surging through its veins if it occasionally arranged to visit a Brotherhood of another

church or to entertain some other Brotherhood at its own meeting. But n all such visitations care should be exercised not to limit the program to mere social features. It should be made an invariable rule that the topic for the month will be used.

c. *The Brotherhood's recreational program* is a means of promoting Christian fellowsh:p. When men play together they get really to know each other, to understand each other, and to appreciate each other. For this reason every local Brotherhood should sponsor such activities as quoits, dart baseball, table tennis, and a variety of other activities.

d. *Beyond the Brotherhood.* The Brotherhood's fellowsh:p activities should not be confined to its own membership. A fine service can be rendered through contacts and relationships with other groups within the congregation. Here are just a few activities which Brotherhoods may sponsor or help to promote!

(1) *Song services,* particularly during the summer months or during certain seasons of the church year, such as Chistmas. When people join their voices in song they have "a sense of belonging"—fellowship is promoted. Such song services may be sponsored by the Brotherhood on behalf of all the men of the congregation, the entire congregation, or various groups within the congregation. A chorus of men might even go to nearby institutions and bring to the people there the healing ministry of song. In the Christmas season caroling can be promoted. Even those who do not have singing voices can take part h helping to provide transportation f those who will sing at the homes the sick and shut-ins and other mem bers.

(2) *Recognition can be given new members* by calling at the homes or by speaking to them church services. Some Brotherhoo appoint special committees to perfor this duty, but best of all will be each member of the Brotherhoo appoints himself a committee of on

(3) *Ladies' nights, father and s outings, father and daughter meeting* and a great variety of other speci meetings can be arranged, *with without a meal.* Such events, if mo vated by the right Christian spir can knit heart to heart.

(4) *Picnics, outings, and pilgri ages to places of interest* do mu more than provide recreation. Th are the means to Christian fellowshi

(5) *Work projects,* such as lan scaping the church property, paintin or repairing the parsonage, laying new floor in the church, or doing so of the other innumerable things th need to be done, are a real means fellowship. Many congregations a ready to bear witness to the spiritu blessings derived from various wo projects.

(6) *Entertainments, sketches, pla lets, concerts*—occasions when we c applaud together and laugh togeth help us to crawl out of our she and become aware of our fellowm and appreciate them.

(7) *Add to this list* as many add tional items as you may desire. The

enty to add, but the space avail-
or our topic is limited.

National Channels

opportunities which Brother-
have to promote Christian
ship are not confined to the
scene. There are also oppor-
es that are national in scope.
are just a few:

*Attend a convention of your
nal Brotherhood.* There you will
houlders with men from many
, and you will draw inspiration
arning what consecrated men in
sections are doing to promote
rotherhood and the kingdom of
You will develop friendships
will be lasting.

*Write to Brotherhood leaders in
communities* to learn what they
doing, or to congratulate them
their successes. Through this
um you will learn much of value
your own Brotherhood and you
develop new friendships.

*Express appreciation to your
dical, district, and national
herhood leaders.* These men are
tantly serving the church, and
a at a personal sacrifice. It would
inly be a fine expression of fel-
hip to say "thank you" to them.
instance, it would be a real joy if
rge number of men would drop a
to the writers of this year's topics
express appreciation to them.
se writers receive no remunera-
, but they give freely of their
and service to the Brotherhood.

*During vacation periods, or
e on trips, attend Brotherhood
tings in other communities.* The
circle of friendships can thus be increased, and Christian fellowship can be promoted.

5. *Attend a convention of the American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods.* Here you will not only meet men from many other sections of your own church, but you will meet men from many various Lutheran bodies. This is one good way to come to realize, "We are not divided, All one body we!"

International Channels

The opportunities to promote Christian fellowship are not even limited by national boundaries. Brotherhood men have many opportunities to promote fellowship on an international scale. Here are just a few:

1. *Sponsor a refugee family.* This may be done by an individual in the Brotherhood, or by the Brotherhood as a group. Pastors will be happy to give detailed information to their men. Think how Christian fellowship will be strengthened if we make it possible for families to leave detention camps and come to our land of hope!

2. *Support a "parish abroad,"* or undertake one of the other projects which your Board of Foreign Missions will be glad to suggest to you if you have a few extra dollars that you can devote to such Christian work. Again, this is a project that can be undertaken by an individual or by the Brotherhood as a group.

3. *Invite foreign students or recent immigrants to your home as guests.* These people are often lonely, and an

invitation to your home would be a real expression of Christian fellowship.

4. Add others to this list, according to your interests and possibilities.

What Can We Do?

The entire dicussion of this topic has been so practical that it is hardly necessary to point out special projects that can be undertaken either by individuals or by groups. A glance through the topic will indicate things that can be done on three levels: locally, nationally, and internationally. However, the study of this topic should not be brought to a close until there has been definite decision of action that is to be taken. Just what do members of the local Brotherhood intend to do to promote Christian fellowship? What more can be done beyond that which is already being done? Perhaps committees should be appointed to implement the decisions reached by the Brotherhood. At this point members of the Brotherhood might well be asked to voice themselves on the question which was assigned to all members of the Brotherhood last month: "Which fellowship activities sponsored by the Brotherhood have you enjoyed most?" Decisions concerning future fellowship activities should be influenced by preferences expressed, but care should be exercised to avoid a program that will be too greatly confined—that will minister to only a limited group, or that will in reality be little more than a program of recreation or social events.

Questions for Discussion

1. How would you define "Ch
tian fellowship"?

2. How can Chistian fellowship
promoted through Brotherhood m
ings and activities?

3. How can Christian fellowship
promoted in the congregation bey
Brotherhood channels?

4. How can Brotherhood men p
mote Christian fellowship thro
national channels?

5. How can Christian fellows
be promoted on the internatio
scale?

Co-operation

Assignment for the June meeting

The June study will deal with the stimu
ing topic, "Lutheran Co-operation." It will
based upon the sixth Brotherhood object
"Encourage men of the various Lutheran b
ies to draw closer together in understand
and co-operation." In preparation for
meeting it would be well to appoint a c
mittee to make an investigation and repor
the following questions:

1. How many different Lutheran chu
bodies are represented in your community
2. What were the reasons underlying
formation of these various churches?
3. Are the reasons for a separate existe
apart from other Lutheran bodies as valid
day as when the churches were first org
ized?
4. What is being done, and what more
be done, to promote co-operation betw
these various groups?

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tians kept their faith alive in the ca
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Germans, "who kneel and pray
God in their despair," constitute
underground Lutheran Church in
Soviet Union.

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being drawn into such things (and
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e, liquor, lust, gambling, com-
nism). The godless philosophy
des personal responsibility and
lt. Men are determined and con-
led by environment, heredity, and
ditioned and unconditioned re-
es. We poor mortals are some-
v caught up in this big "fix" called
. Nobody knows where we came
m and why we are here, and surely
re is no place to go. So we had
ter get the most out of the big
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ht closes in for ever.

It is the business of our institutions
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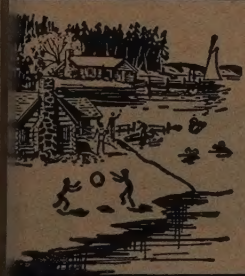

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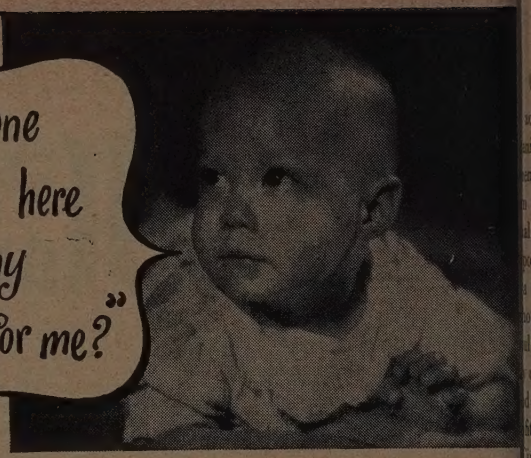

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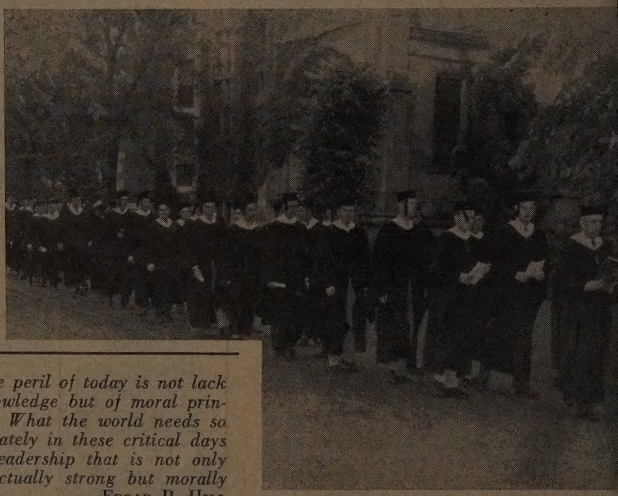

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